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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2000. A Petition to Extend the Time for a period of one (1) month is tendered herewith. The Office Action is in error in at least two respects. 1) The filing date on paper 7 is in error and a significant amount of time was used in attempting to clarify this matter vis-a-vis telephone interviews with Examiners Vo and Kim; and 2) the office action bases the prosecution on claims that are not in the styled patent application. The styled patent application was based on Ser. No. 08/902,538, filed on July 29, 1997. The '538 application is a continuation of Ser. No. 08/244,022, which is based on PCT/EP92/02636. Apparently, the Examiner is analyzing claims 1-21 taken from the '022 application, filed in 1994.

The '538 when originally filed in the PTO, included a REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION, dated July 29, 1997 (a copy enclosed herewith) canceling claims 2-21. It is clear that the Office Action dated Nov. 27, 2000 is in error inasmuch as the